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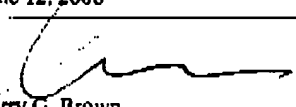
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) mailed May 15, 2006, concerning the above-identified application. Although no extension fee is required for this response, a request for a two-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are included in view of the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.